

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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b1 division of Application No. 08/997,293, filed 12/23/97, now Patent No. 6,093,651 ---
therein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 27 - 53 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

54. (New) A polish pad comprising:

b2 a center area;
 a first set of grooves disposed in said center area, said first set of grooves
having a first depth;
 an edge area disposed adjacent to said center area; and
 a second set of grooves disposed in said edge area, said second set of grooves
having a second depth.

55. (New) The polish pad of claim 54 wherein said first depth is smaller than said second depth.

56. (New) The polish pad of claim 54 wherein said first depth is within the range of approximately 1 - 90 % of said pad thickness.

57. (New) The polish pad of claim 54 wherein said second depth is within the range of approximately 1 - 90 % of said pad thickness.

58. (New) The polish pad of claim 54 wherein said first set of grooves and said second set of grooves differ in shape.

59. (New) A polish pad comprising:

a center area;

a first set of grooves disposed in said center area, said first set of grooves having a first width;

an edge area disposed adjacent to said center area; and

a second set of grooves disposed in said edge area, said second set of grooves having a second width.

60. (New) The polish pad of claim 59 wherein said first width is smaller than said second width.

61. (New) The polish pad of claim 59 wherein said first width is within a range of approximately 1 - 100 mils.

62. (New) The polish pad of claim 59 wherein said second width is within the range of approximately 1 - 100 mils.

63. (New) The polish pad of claim 59 wherein said first set of grooves and said second set of grooves differ in shape.

64. (New) A polish pad comprising:

a center area;

a first set of grooves disposed in said center area, said first set of grooves having a first density;

an edge area disposed adjacent to said center area; and

a second set of grooves disposed in said edge area, said second set of grooves having a second density.

65. (New) The polish pad of claim 64 wherein said first density is smaller than said second density.

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66. (New) The polish pad of claim 64 wherein said first density is within a range of approximately 2 - 50 grooves/inch.

67. (New) The polish pad of claim 64 wherein said second density is within a range of approximately 2 - 50 grooves/inch.
